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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

Proposed Transfer of Territory from the
Palmdale School District (SD) to the Westside Union SD

Pursuant to Education Code (EC) §35765, this letter requests that your Board make an Order, prior to December 1, 2003, to change certain school district boundaries and to cause such order, legal description, and map or plat indicating the boundaries established to be filed with the appropriate governmental offices as requested below.

The Office of the Los Angeles County Counsel (County Counsel) has reviewed this request and supporting documentation noted in the enclosed checklist. Twenty-two copies of this correspondence (11 with enclosures) are provided for distribution by your Board to the appropriate offices.

Background

On March 28, 2003, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) received a petition in the form of a resolution signed by a majority of the governing board members of the Westside Union SD which proposed to transfer certain territory from the Palmdale SD to the Westside Union SD. On April 16, 2003, the County Superintendent received a petition in the form of a resolution signed by a majority of the governing board members of the Palmdale SD proposing the same transfer of territory.

Pursuant to EC §35700(d), the County Superintendent determined the joint petition to be sufficient and signed as required by law. The petition was presented to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) at its regular meeting on May 7, 2003.

The rationale for this petition, as stated in the requests provided by the Palmdale and Westside Union SD governing boards, is to incorporate the City Ranch development project into one elementary school district. The City Ranch development, part of the Anaverde Master Plan, is undertaking the development of a 5000 home planned community. The petition area, a 555.59 acre parcel, represents a portion of that planned community. Once homes are built, containing the entire development into one school district would facilitate school operations and scheduling, vacations and activities, and will foster stronger community ties throughout the planned development.

Without realignment, the current boundary line would divide that portion of the planned community. In addition, the California Aqueduct runs through the middle of the undeveloped land of the petition area, raising concerns regarding transportation management for a school district straddling both sides of this obstacle.

In accordance with the requirements of EC §35705, public hearings were conducted by the County Committee on June 11, 2003, at the Westside Union SD's Educational Facilities Center and Palmdale SD's administrative board room.

EC §35709 specifies that the County Committee may approve such a petition, order the petition be granted, and notify the Board of Supervisors when:

- the conditions enumerated in paragraphs (1) and (10), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of EC §35753 are substantially met;
- the petition is to transfer inhabited territory of less than ten percent of the assessed valuation of the district from which the territory is being transferred; and
- the governing boards of the affected school districts have consented to the transfer of territory.

On August 6, 2003, the County Committee voted that the conditions of EC §35753 had been substantially met, and unanimously approved the transfer of territory between the districts.

Action Requested

Accordingly, the County Committee respectfully requests that your Board take the following actions on or before December 1, 2003:

1. Make an Order to change the boundaries of the Palmdale and Westside Union SDs in accordance with the petitions and the enclosed maps as required by EC §35765;
2. Cause such Order to be entered in the Los Angeles County's record of school districts;
3. Produce map(s) and legal descriptions of the affected school districts in accordance with Opinion No. 97-706 of the California State Attorney General;
4. Cause a copy of such Order, along with map(s) and legal descriptions indicating such change, to be filed in the following offices and agencies: the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, Assessor, Auditor-Controller, Department of Public Works, and Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, the Valuation Division of the State Board of Equalization (SBEq), the State Allocation Board, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the affected school districts; and
5. Forward the enclosed boundary descriptions and copies of map(s) and legal descriptions of the affected school districts to the SBEq.

In accordance with EC §35534, for the transfer to become effective on July 1, 2004, the above action must be completed prior to December 1, 2003. Actions subsequent to December 1, 2003, will cause the effective date of the change to be delayed to July 1, 2005.

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Should you have questions regarding the above or require additional information, please contact Mr. Daniel G. Villanueva, Secretary to the County Committee, at (562) 922-6144.

Respectfully submitted,



Darline P. Robles, Ph.D.
Superintendent

DPR/DGV:mb
Enclosures

cc: Dr. Rice, Palmdale SD
Mr. Havens, Palmdale SD
Dr. Costello, Westside Union SD
Ms. Curtis, County Counsel
Ms. Simons, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)
Mr. Villanueva, LACOE
Mr. Spies, LACOE
Ms. Deegan, LACOE

TRANSFER OF TERRITORY

Material for Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
(Palmdale School District to the Westside Union School District)

- ☒ Cover Letter - Letter of Recommendation
- ☒ Referenced Education and Government Code Sections
- ☒ Opinion No. 97-706 of the California State Attorney General
- ☒ Petition Signed by the Majority of Governing Board Members-Palmdale School District (SD)
- ☒ Petition Signed by the Majority of Governing Board Members-Westside Union SD
- ☒ Letter to the State Board of Education Transmitting Petition
- ☒ Letters to Districts Enclosing Notice of Public Hearings
 - Notice of Public Hearings
 - Agendas for the Public Hearings
 - Proof of Publication
- ☒ Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization's (County Committee) August 6, 2003, Meeting Agenda for Final Action.
- ☒ Staff Report to the County Committee
- ☒ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Negative Declaration
- ☒ School District(s) Resolution-Negotiated Exchange of Property Tax Revenue
- ☒ Statement of Boundary Change and Copy of Warrant Payable to the State Board of Equalization

Transmitted to Clerk of the Board: _____

9/5/03

Date

Los Angeles County Office of Education
Referenced Education Code Sections

35765. After the board of supervisors receives a proper certificate of election or other proper evidence that an action to organize or reorganize school districts has been approved as provided by law, the board of supervisors shall make an order to create, change, or terminate school districts as may be required by the action and establish or reestablish the boundaries of the districts affected by the action. The order shall be entered in the county's record of school districts.

If the action results in the creation of a district or a change of district boundaries of the type described in Section 54900 of the Government Code, the order of the board of supervisors shall include the legal description of each district created or changed in the action and, immediately after making the order, the board of supervisors shall cause a copy of the order and a map or plat indicating the boundaries established or reestablished for each district affected by the order to be filed as required by Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 54900) of Part 1 of Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code.

35700. An action to reorganize one or more districts is initiated upon the filing, with the county superintendent of schools, of a petition to reorganize one or more school districts signed by any of the following:

(a) At least 25 percent of the registered voters residing in the territory proposed to be reorganized if the territory is inhabited. Where the petition is to reorganize territory in two or more school districts, the petition shall be signed by at least 25 percent of the registered voters in that territory in each of those districts.

(b) A number of registered voters residing in the territory proposed to be reorganized, equal to at least 8 percent of the votes cast for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election in the territory proposed to be reorganized, where the affected territory consists of a single school district with over 200,000 pupils in average daily attendance and the petition is to reorganize the district into two or more districts.

(c) The owner of the property, provided that territory is uninhabited and the owner thereof has filed either a tentative subdivision map with the appropriate county or city agency or an application for any project, as defined in Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code, with one or more local agencies.

(d) A majority of the members of the governing boards of each of the districts that would be affected by the proposed reorganization.

35705. Within 60 days after receipt of the petition, the county committee shall hold one or more public hearings thereon at a regular or special meeting in each of the districts affected by the petition. Notice of the public hearing shall be given at least 10 days in advance thereof to not more than three persons designated in the petition as the chief petitioners, to the governing board of all districts affected by the proposed reorganization, and to all other persons requesting notice of the hearing.

35709. If the following conditions are met, the county committee may approve the petition and order that the petition be granted, and shall so notify the county board of supervisors:

(a) The county committee finds that the conditions enumerated in paragraphs (1) to (10), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of Section 35753 are substantially met, and:

(b) Either:

(1) The petition is to transfer uninhabited territory from one district to another and the owner of the territory, or a majority of the owners of the territory, and the governing boards of all school districts involved in the transfer consent to the transfer; or

(2) The petition is to transfer inhabited territory of less than 10 percent of the assessed valuation of the district from which the territory is being transferred, and all of the governing boards have consented to the transfer.

35753. (a) The State Board of Education may approve proposals for the reorganization of districts, if the board has determined, with respect to the proposal and the resulting districts, that all of the following conditions are substantially met:

(1) The new districts will be adequate in terms of number of pupils enrolled.

(2) The districts are each organized on the basis of a substantial community identity.

(3) The proposal will result in an equitable division of property and facilities of the original district or districts.

(4) The reorganization of the districts will not promote racial or ethnic discrimination or segregation.

(5) The proposed reorganization will not result in any substantial increase in costs to the state.

(6) The proposed reorganization will not significantly disrupt the educational programs in the proposed districts and districts affected by the proposed reorganization and will continue to promote sound education performance in those districts.

(7) The proposed reorganization will not result in a significant increase in school housing costs.

(8) The proposed reorganization is not primarily designed to result in a significant increase in property values causing financial advantage to property owners because territory was transferred from one school district to an adjoining district.

(9) The proposed reorganization will not cause a substantial negative effect on the fiscal management or fiscal status of the proposed district or any existing district affected by the proposed reorganization.

(10) Any other criteria as the board may, by regulation, prescribe.

(b) The State Board of Education may approve a proposal for the reorganization of school districts if the board determines that it is not practical or possible to apply the criteria of this section literally, and that the circumstances with respect to the proposals provide an exceptional situation sufficient to justify approval of the proposals.

35765. After the board of supervisors receives a proper certificate of election or other proper evidence that an action to organize or reorganize school districts has been approved as provided by law, the board of supervisors shall make an order to create, change, or terminate school districts as may be required by the action and establish or reestablish the boundaries of the districts affected by the action. The order shall be entered in the county's record of school districts.

If the action results in the creation of a district or a change of district boundaries of the type described in Section 54900 of the Government Code, the order of the board of supervisors shall include the legal description of each district created or changed in the action and, immediately after making the order, the board of supervisors shall cause a copy of the order and a map or plat indicating the boundaries established or reestablished for each district affected by the order to be filed as required by Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 54900) of Part 1 of Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code.

35534. Except as provided in Sections 35535 and 35536 and subject to compliance with Section 5400 of the Government Code, any action to reorganize a school district shall be effective for all purposes on July 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which such action is completed.

TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL REPORTS

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
State of California

DANIEL E. LUNGREN
Attorney General

OPINION	:	
	:	No. 97-706
of	:	
	:	October 3, 1997
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THE HONORABLE THOMAS McCLINTOCK, MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY, has requested an opinion on the following questions:

1. When are an official map and legal description of the boundaries of a proposed school district reorganization required to be prepared and filed?
2. Which party or entity is responsible for the costs of preparing and filing an official map and legal description of the boundaries of a proposed school district reorganization?

CONCLUSIONS

1. The preparation and filing of an official map and legal description of the boundaries of a proposed school district reorganization are required only after the reorganization has been approved by the voters.
2. The county board of supervisors is responsible for the costs of preparing and filing an official map and legal description of the boundaries of a proposed school district reorganization after it has been approved by the voters.

ANALYSIS

The reorganization of school districts (Ed. Code, §§ 35500-35785) Footnote No. 1 includes the creation of one or more new school districts from the territory of an existing district. (§ 35511.) Such a change may be initiated by the residents of the area by filing with the county superintendent of schools a petition signed by a percentage of the registered voters in the affected territory. Section 35700 provides:

"An action to reorganize one or more districts is initiated upon the filing, with the county superintendent of schools, of a petition to reorganize one or more school districts signed by any of the following:

"(a) At least 25 percent of the registered voters residing in the territory proposed to be reorganized if the territory is inhabited. Where the petition is to reorganize territory in two or more school districts, the petition shall be signed by at least 25 percent of the registered voters in that territory in each of those districts.

"(b) A number of registered voters residing in the territory proposed to be reorganized, equal to at least 8 percent of the votes cast for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election in the territory proposed to be reorganized, where the affected territory consists of a single school district with over 200,000 pupils in average daily attendance and the petition is to reorganize the district into two or more districts.

"....."

If the petition contains a sufficient number of signatures, a hearing is held. (§ 35722.) Up to three persons are to be designated as "chief petitioners" for the purpose of receiving notices of any public hearings. (§ 35701.) After the public hearings and all required approvals have been obtained, an election may be held. (§§ 35710.51, 35722.)

Section 35703 provides that a petition initiating a school district reorganization may include the provisions found in sections 35730-35738. The latter statutes cover such topics as the governing law for the new school district, number of board members, territory in which the election shall be held, whether trustees will represent areas or the entire district, computation of revenue limits, division of obligations, property and indebtedness, and election procedures for the first governing board. However, there is no statutory mandate that the petition contain any of these provisions. Indeed, there are no specific directives as to the contents of a school district reorganization petition. This is made evident by the fact that the county committee on school district organization (see § 35720) may add to the petition any appropriate provisions specified in sections 35730-35738 "which were not included in the petition as filed." (§ 35705.5, subd. (a).)

Nevertheless, it may reasonably be seen that the petition must identify the type of reorganization proposed and the territory to be reorganized with sufficient specificity so that (1) a determination may be made as to whether the petition contains a sufficient number of signatures from the area's residents and (2) voters will be informed as to the nature of the proposed reorganization at the time of the election.

1. Preparing and Filing an Official Map and Legal Description

The first question to be resolved concerns the date when an official map and legal description of the boundaries of a proposed school district reorganization must be prepared and filed. Are the petitioners of a reorganization required, for example, to furnish a legal description of the proposed boundaries prior to circulating the petition? We conclude that an official map and legal description are not required until after the voters have approved the reorganization.

As noted above, the Education Code provisions dealing with petitions for reorganizations of school districts do not require any specific matters to be included in a petition, and make no reference to preparing maps or a legal description of the area proposed for reorganization. We must therefore determine

whether any other statutory scheme requires preparation of a map or legal description as a condition precedent to filing a petition for a school district reorganization or which sets any other deadline for such preparation.

We first examine the provisions of Government Code sections 54900-54916.5, which deal with changes in the boundaries of cities, districts, and other areas where a special tax assessment is carried on the county assessment roll for property tax purposes. Government Code sections 54900 and 54901 require the filing of a "statement," in the form required by the State Board of Equalization, that describes the changes and which must "include a legal description of said boundaries and a map or plat indicating the boundaries." (Gov. Code, § 54901, subd. (a).) The statement must be filed "[o]n or before December 1 of the year immediately preceding the year in which the assessments or taxes are to be levied" (Gov. Code, § 54902), and the proposed changes are not effective for assessment or taxation purposes until the statement is filed (Gov. Code, § 54903).

The foregoing Government Code provisions regarding the filing of statements for property tax purposes are applicable to school district reorganizations. Section 35765 explicitly requires compliance with this statutory scheme. Footnote No. 2 However, the filing of a map and legal description is not required until *after* the school district reorganization election. Section 35765 states:

"After the board of supervisors receives a proper certificate of election or other proper evidence that an action to organize or reorganize school districts has been approved as provided by law, the board of supervisors shall make an order to create, change, or terminate school districts as may be required by the action and establish or reestablish the boundaries of the districts affected by the action. The order shall be entered in the county's record of school districts.

"If the action results in the creation of a district or a change of district boundaries of the type described in Section 54900 of the Government Code, the order of the board of supervisors shall include the legal description of each district created or changed in the action and, immediately after making the order, the board of supervisors shall cause a copy of the order and a map or plat indicating the boundaries established or reestablished for each district affected by the order to be filed as required by Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 54900) of Part 1 of Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code."

Thus, compliance with Government Code section 54900 does not necessitate the preparation of any map or legal description prior to circulating a petition for reorganization of a school district; rather, section 35765 and Government Code sections 54900-54916.5, as well as section 35534, require such documents to be prepared only if the reorganization is approved as provided by law. Footnote No. 3

We reject the suggestion that a separate statutory scheme, Government Code sections 58850-58861, is applicable to the circulation of a petition to reorganize a school district. This statutory scheme generally relates to changes in the boundaries of any "district exercising functions that are, or may be, supported by taxes . . . levied on property within the district . . ." (Gov. Code, § 58850, subd. (b)) and requires that "a map showing the boundaries of the territory involved and . . . a specific detailed legal description of the boundaries of such territory" must be submitted to the county surveyor prior to circulating the petition (Gov. Code, § 58852). The county surveyor and county assessor review the boundary description contained in the proposal (Gov. Code, § 58851), after giving notice to all cities, districts, and the county having any land within the proposed area (Gov. Code, § 58855). The county surveyor may hold a public hearing (Gov. Code, § 58857) to consider whether the proposed boundaries are definite and conform with lines of ownership as well as other similar matters of public interest (Gov. Code, § 58856). "If the proponents do not accept the county

surveyor's recommendations as contained in his report, they shall file a statement of reasons with the legislative body having jurisdiction to conduct the appropriate proceedings." (Gov. Code, § 58860.) "Before acting upon any proposal, the legislative body having jurisdiction shall consider the report of the county surveyor and give it such weight as in its judgment the public interest requires." (Gov. Code, § 58861.)

None of the provisions of this legislative scheme are referenced in the Education Code relating to school district reorganizations. Rather, as we have seen, the Education Code requires compliance with a separate statutory scheme, Government Code sections 54900-54916.5, dealing with the preparation and filing of official maps and legal descriptions. We do not view the role of the county surveyor under the terms of Government Code sections 58850-58861 as appropriate to school district reorganizations, given the Legislature's detailed requirements contained in sections 35500-35785 that include the additional requirements specified in Government Code sections 54900-54916.5.

We note also that Government Code sections 58850-58861 may be read in conjunction with Government Code sections 58000-58200, the District Organization Law, dealing with the same subject matter and from which school districts are exempt. (See Gov. Code, §§ 58002, 58004; 21 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 197 (1953).) Footnote No. 4

We believe that the more specific provisions of sections 35534 and 35765 control the more general provisions of Government Code sections 58850-58861. (See Code Civ. Proc., § 1859; *Woods v. Young* (1991) 53 Cal.3d 315, 325 ["specific provision relating to a particular subject will govern a general provision"].) Had the Legislature intended the provisions of Government Code section 58850-58861, in which the official map and legal description are prepared and filed before circulating the petition, to be applicable to school district reorganizations, it could easily have so provided. (See *Safer v. Superior Court* (1975) 15 Cal.3d 230, 237-238 ["the Legislature's clear demonstration that it knows how to grant . . . power when it wishes to do so"].) Instead, it expressly referred to a different statutory scheme in which the map and description are prepared and filed only after the voters have approved the change in boundaries. We have examined in detail the legislative history of sections 35500-35785's requirements dealing with the preparation and filing of official maps and legal descriptions of school district reorganizations. (Stats. 1980, ch. 1192, § 2.) Nothing therein suggests that the county surveyor is to have a role in such boundary changes. We may assume that the Legislature was aware of the earlier statutory scheme (Stats. 1965, ch. 586, § 12) and chose not to incorporate it as it did Government Code sections 54900-54916.5.

Finally, we observe that our interpretation of the requirements of sections 35500-35785 is consistent with that of the Department of Education. "Unless unreasonable or clearly contrary to the statutory language or purpose, the consistent construction of a statute by an agency charged with responsibility for its implementation is entitled to great deference. [Citation.]" (*Dix v. Superior Court* 1991) 53 Cal.3d 442, 460.)

While a petition to reorganize a school district must, prior to public hearings or an election, reasonably identify the territory to be reorganized, we believe this need not be accomplished by way of a legal description. Indeed, a reference to streets or prominent geographic features may provide more meaningful notice to voters than a metes and bounds legal description. A common description may well be adequate in allowing the appropriate officials to determine whether the requisite number of voters have signed the proposed reorganization petition.

We thus conclude in answer to the first question that the preparation and filing of an official map and legal description of the boundaries of a proposed school district reorganization are required only after the reorganization has been approved by the voters.

2. Designating Responsibility for Costs

The second question concerns the party or entity responsible for the costs of preparing an official map and legal description of a school district reorganization, once it has been approved by the voters. We conclude that the county board of supervisors is responsible for such costs.

Section 35765 is again the controlling statute. It directs the board of supervisors to "make an order to create, change, or terminate school districts" and specifies that such order "shall include the legal description of each district created or changed." Section 35765 requires the board of supervisors to "cause . . . a map or plat indicating the boundaries established or reestablished for each district . . . to be filed."

We find no ambiguities in the terms of section 35765. The responsibility for preparing an order, including a description of the new boundaries, is upon the board of supervisors, who must also file the official map of the new district. Since no other parties or entities are mentioned in the statutory language, we believe that the costs of preparing and filing the legal description and map are necessarily to be borne by the board of supervisors as incidental to this legislative mandate.

We conclude in answer to the second question that the county board of supervisors is responsible for the costs of preparing and filing an official map and legal description of the boundaries of a proposed school district reorganization after it has been approved by the voters.

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Footnote No. 1

All references hereafter to the Education Code are by section number only.

Footnote No. 2

In addition, section 35534 makes the effective date of a school district reorganization "subject to compliance with Section 5400 of the Government Code." Government Code section 5400 defines "public body" as "any county, city and county, city, public district, public authority or other public corporation which is authorized to issue bonds" for purposes of levying a tax or assessment to cover the principal and interest on unsold bonds. It has no relevance to reorganizations of school districts or any other districts. The obvious typographical error contained in section 35534, however, may be corrected by examining the statute's legislative history. Section 35534 was enacted in 1980 (Stats. 1980, ch. 1192, § 2) at the same time as section 35765 (Stats. 1980, ch. 1192, § 3). The latter statute, dealing with the same subject matter, refers to "Section 54900 of the Government Code," and that it is undoubtedly what the Legislature intended in its reference in section 35534. We are to construe statutes "to make them workable and reasonable" and "to avoid an absurd result." (*Halbert's Lumber, Inc. v. Lucky Stores, Inc.* (1992) 6 Cal.App.4th 1233, 1239.) Also, we may harmonize the provisions of sections 35534 and 35765 by concluding that the former statute requires compliance with the terms of Government Code section 54900 when school districts are reorganized. "[S]tatutes or statutory sections relating to the same subject must be harmonized, both internally and with each other, to the extent possible." (*Dyna-Med, Inc. v. Fair Employment & Housing Com.* (1987) 43 Cal.3d 1379, 1387.)

Footnote No. 3

Moreover, we note that Government Code section 54903.1 provides:

"When a statement of the creation or change of boundaries of a school district and a map or plat thereof is required to be filed with the State Board of Equalization, the authority required to file the statement and map or plat shall, at the same time, file a copy of the statement and map or plat with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the county superintendent of schools of the county in which the school district is located."

There would be no need to file the requisite maps with the superintendent of public instruction and the county superintendent of schools after the election if the maps were required to be prepared and submitted prior to circulating the reorganization petition. All of these statutes may be read together and harmonized (see *People v. Hull* (1991) 1 Cal.4th 266, 272; *People v. Woodhead* (1987) 43 Cal.3d 1002, 1009) in concluding that a legal description is not required until after the reorganization has been approved by the voters.

Footnote No. 4

School districts are exempt as well from the requirements of the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 1985 (Gov. Code, §§ 56000-57385). (Gov. Code, § 56063, subd. (a)(4).)



Palmdale School District

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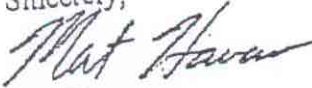
Re: Transfer of Property
Palmdale School District to Westside Union School District

Dear Mr. Villanueva:

Enclosed please find Petition to Transfer Territory (with original signatures), Exhibit A, and maps on the above referenced transfer of property.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Mat Havens
Facilities Manager

MH/bm

Enclosures

PETITION TO TRANSFER TERRITORY BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

EDUCATION CODE SECTIONS 35700, et seq.

This petition is for the purpose of consolidating property of the City Ranch development into one elementary school district. The proposal would transfer territory from the Palmdale School District and annex to the Westside Union SD the uninhabited territory particularly described as follows, to wit:

Refer to the attached map and boundary description.

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA:

In accordance with Section 35700(d) of the Education Code, State of California, we, the undersigned, who are at least a majority of the members of the governing boards of each of the districts that would be affected by the proposed reorganization, do hereby file this petition with the County Superintendent of Schools of Los Angeles County, State of California, to transfer the territory described in this petition from the Palmdale School District of Los Angeles County to the Westside Union School District of Los Angeles County.

PALMDALE SD GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

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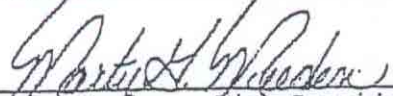
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Secretary, Palmdale SD Governing Board

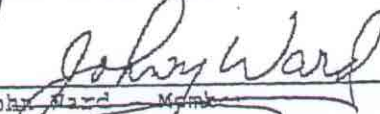
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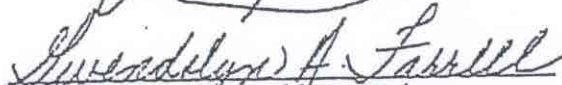
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Dr. John Ward - Member


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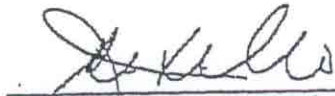

John Costello, Superintendent
Secretary, Westside Union SD Governing Board

EXHIBIT "A"

Those portions of Sections 29 and 32, in Township 6 North, Range 12 West, S.B.B.&M., in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows:

Commencing at the north quarter corner of said Section 29;

Thence southerly along the westerly line of the northeast quarter of said Section 29, 1315.84 feet to a point on the southerly boundary line of Tract No. 51457, recorded in Book 1240, pages 7 through 17 of maps in the Office of the Recorder of said County, and the "True Point of Beginning";

Thence easterly along said southerly boundary line of Tract Map No. 51457, to a point on the easterly line of said northeast quarter of Section 29;

Thence southerly along the easterly lines of said Sections 29 and 32, to the southeast corner of said Section 32;

Thence westerly along the southerly line of said Township 6 North, Range 12 West, to the south quarter section corner of said Section 32;

Thence northerly along the center quarter section lines of said Sections 32 and 29 to the "True Point of Beginning".

Containing 555.59 Acres (0.87 Sq. Miles), more or less.



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March 24, 2003

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Mr. Daniel G. Villanueva
Los Angeles County Office of Education
Regionalized Business Services Coordinator
Division of Business Advisory Services
9300 Imperial Highway
Downey, CA 902420-2890

Re: Transfer of Property

Dear Mr. Villanueva:

The Westside Union School District requests that the territory identified as Exhibit A, Legal Description, be transferred from the Palmdale School District to the Westside Union School District.

If I can answer any questions regarding this transfer, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

John F. Costello, Ed. D
Superintendent

JFC:tw

cc: Mrs. Nancy Smith, Superintendent Palmdale School District





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PETITION TO TRANSFER TERRITORY BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Education Code Sections 35700, et seq.

This petition is for the purpose of consolidating property of the City Ranch development into one elementary school district. The proposal would transfer territory from the Palmdale School District and annex to the Westside Union School District the uninhabited territory particularly described as follows, to wit:

Refer to the attached map and boundary description.

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA:

In accordance with Section 35700(d) of the Education Code, State of California, we who are at least a majority of the members of the governing boards of each of the district that would be affected by the proposed reorganization, do hereby file this petition with the County Superintendent of Schools of Los Angeles County, State of California, to transfer the territory described in this petition from the Palmdale School District of Los Angeles County to the Westside Union School District of Los Angeles County.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Westside Union School District this 18th day of February 2003.

Ayes - 3

Noes - 0

Absent - 2

Attest.

John F. Costello
John F. Costello, Ed.D, Superintendent
Secretary, Westside Union School District
Governing Board

Dated

3/28/03

EXHIBIT "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
PA 25 - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE

THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, SAN BERNARDINO MERIDIAN IN THE CITY OF PALMDALE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 32; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 32 NORTH 00°00'20" EAST 1680.75 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE

1. CONTINUING ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE NORTH 00°00'20" EAST 550.66 FEET; THENCE
2. LEAVING SAID EASTERLY LINE NORTH 56°15'16" WEST 462.26 FEET; THENCE
3. NORTH 65°09'48" WEST 46.28 FEET; THENCE
4. NORTH 83°29'29" WEST 46.10 FEET; THENCE
5. SOUTH 78°19'37" WEST 46.12 FEET; THENCE
6. SOUTH 67°01'23" WEST 197.54 FEET TO A POINT AT THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE WESTERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 872.00 FEET, A RADIAL LINE THROUGH SAID POINT BEARS NORTH 76°49'07" EAST; THENCE
7. SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 33°16'32" AN ARC DISTANCE OF 506.43 FEET; THENCE
8. NON-TANGENT TO SAID CURVE SOUTH 22°11'13" EAST 17.49 FEET; THENCE
9. SOUTH 64°28'05" EAST 317.15 FEET TO A TANGENT CURVE

CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 968.00 FEET;
THENCE

10. SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL
ANGLE OF $26^{\circ}40'17''$ AN ARC DISTANCE OF 450.61 FEET TO
THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 10.45 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.



Jeff W. Nolan
3-13-03

SCALE: 1"=200'

EXHIBIT "B"

SHEET 1 OF 1

PA 25 - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE
CITY OF PALMDALE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CURVE TABLE			
CURVE	DELTA	RADIUS	LENGTH
C1	33°16'32"	872.00'	506.43'
C2	26°40'17"	968.00'	450.61'

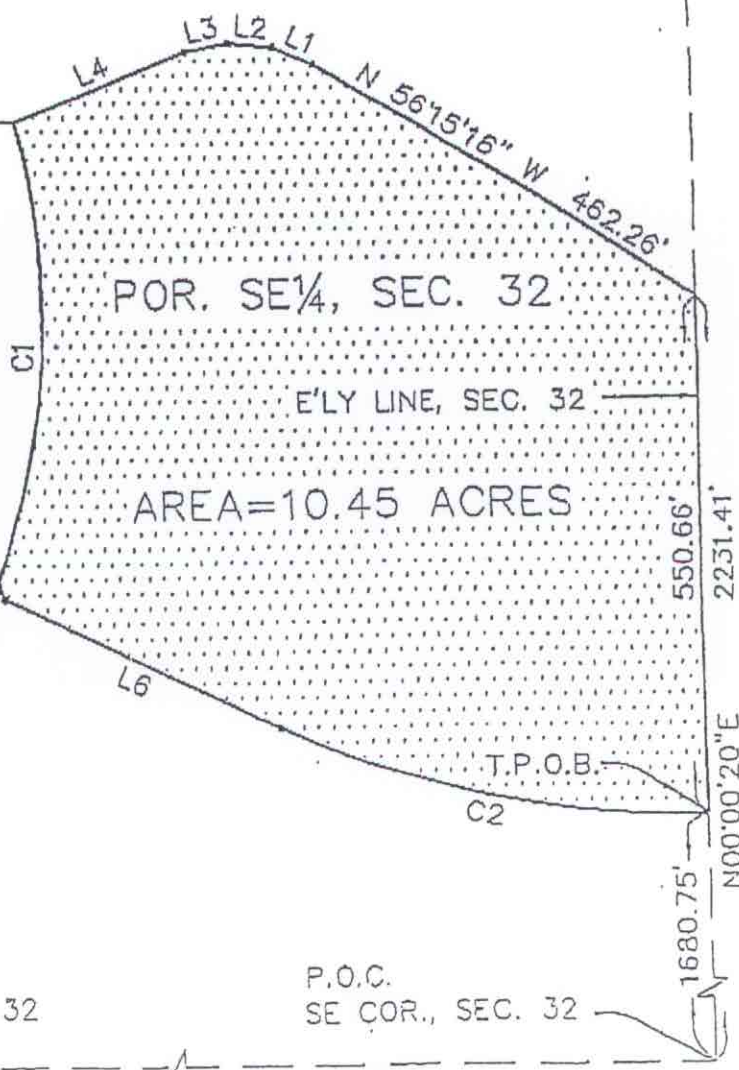


T6N, R12W, S.B.M

E 1/4 COR., SEC. 32

CENTER OF SEC. 32

LINE TABLE		
LINE	BEARING	LENGTH
L1	N65°09'48"W	46.28'
L2	N83°29'29"W	46.10'
L3	S78°19'37"W	46.12'
L4	S67°01'23"W	197.54'
L5	S22°11'13"E	17.49'
L6	S64°28'05"E	317.15'

N76°49'07"E
(RAD.)

SIKAND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES
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LOT CLOSURES FOR CITY RANCH - School Site
W.O.5100-006-01
March 12, 2003

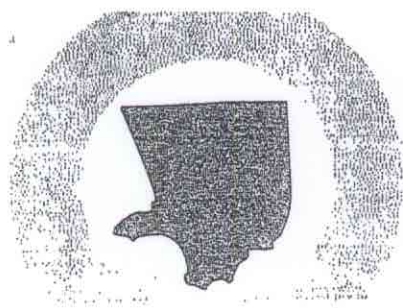
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School Site

North: 2027218.0706	East : 6512038.6992
Line Course: N 00-00-20 E Length: 550.66	
North: 2027768.7306	East : 6512038.7426
Line Course: N 56-15-16 W Length: 462.26	
North: 2028025.5187	East : 6511654.3676
Line Course: N 65-09-48 W Length: 46.28	
North: 2028044.9578	East : 6511612.3680
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North: 2028040.8521	East : 6511521.3990
Line Course: S 67-01-23 W Length: 197.54	
North: 2027963.7402	East : 6511339.5314
Curve Length: 506.43	Radius: 872.00
Delta: 33-16-32	Tangent: 260.58
Chord: 499.35	Course: S 03-27-23 W
Course In: S 76-49-07 W	Course Out: S 69-54-21 E
RP North: 2027764.8940	East : 6510490.5060
End North: 2027465.3062	East : 6511309.4267
Line Course: S 22-11-13 E Length: 17.49	
North: 2027449.1112	East : 6511316.0314
Line Course: S 64-28-05 E Length: 317.15	
North: 2027312.4150	East : 6511602.2102
Curve Length: 450.61	Radius: 968.00
Delta: 26-40-17	Tangent: 229.46
Chord: 446.55	Course: S 77-48-13 E
Course In: N 25-31-55 E	Course Out: S 01-08-22 E
RP North: 2028185.8851	East : 6512019.4320
End North: 2027218.0765	East : 6512038.6814

Perimeter: 2640.64 Area: 455,111 sq.ft. 10.448 acres

Mapcheck Closure - (Uses listed courses, radii, and deltas)
Error Closure: 0.0098 Course: N 53-09-13 W
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Precision 1: 269,453.06



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Los Angeles County
Office of Education

Mr. Rick Brandsma, Executive Director
State Board of Education
721 Capitol Mall, Room 532
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Brandsma:

Proposed Transfer of Territory from the
Palmdale School District (SD) to the Westside Union SD

On August 6, 2003, the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) took action to approve a proposal to transfer territory from the Palmdale SD to the Westside Union SD.

Enclosed for your information is the final report on the feasibility of the transfer of territory related to this proposal which includes copies of the governing board resolutions/petitions for Palmdale SD (Attachment 3) and Westside Union SD (Attachment 4) filed pursuant to Education Code §35700(d).

Please call me at (562) 922-6144 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Daniel G. Villanueva
Secretary

DGV/AD:mb
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Shirey, California Department of Education (with enclosure)
Dr. Rice, Palmdale SD
Mr. Havens, Palmdale SD
Dr. Costello, Westside Union SD
Ms. Curtis, Office of the Los Angeles County Counsel
Mr. Castro, Office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
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Westside Union School District
46809 North 70th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93536

Dear Dr. Costello:

Proposed Transfer of Territory from the
Palmdale School District (SD) to the Westside Union SD

In accordance with Public Resources Code (PRC) §21092.5(b) and Education Code (EC) §35705, the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization has scheduled two public hearings concerning the subject petition.

Enclosed are the following related documents for your information and posting within your school district:

1. Notice of Public Hearings (pursuant to PRC §21092[b] and EC §35705) to be held on June 11, 2003.
2. Agenda for the public hearings.
3. Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact pursuant to PRC §21080(c).
4. Public Hearing Guidelines.
5. Information on the proposed transfer of territory pursuant to EC §35705.5(b).
6. Directions to the public hearings.

Items 1, 2, 3, and 5 are to be posted pursuant to Government Code §54954.2. We would appreciate your assistance in posting these items in a location at your district office and at the public hearing site. The posting location should be freely accessible to members of the public at least 72 hours prior to the hearing. We have enclosed two additional copies of items 1, 2, 3, and 5 for posting.

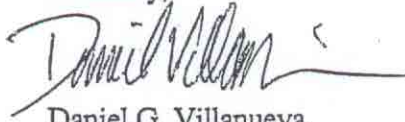
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If there is a need to publish the notice in additional newspaper(s) and language(s), please notify our office no later than May 27, 2003.

Dr. John Costello, Superintendent
May 19, 2003
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If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (562) 922-6144.

Sincerely,

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Daniel G. Villanueva
Secretary

DGV/AD:mb
Enclosures

cc: Ms. Smith, Westside Union SD
Ms. Curtis, Office of the Los Angeles County Counsel
Ms. Simons, LACOE
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Ms. Nancy Smith, Superintendent
Palmdale School District
39139-49 10th Street East
Palmdale, CA 93550

Dear Ms. Smith:

Proposed Transfer of Territory from the Palmdale School District (SD) to the Westside Union SD

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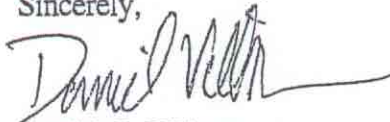
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Ms. Nancy Smith, Superintendent
May 19, 2003
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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE
ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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- II. Pursuant to Education Code §35705, the County Committee will conduct public hearings on a petition which proposes to transfer territory from the Palmdale SD to the Westside Union SD.

There will be two separate public hearings, each one to include as part of its agenda items I and II above as follows:

DATE:	Wednesday, June 11, 2003
TIME:	2:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Westside Union SD Educational Facilities Center 41914 50th Street West Quartz Hill, CA 93536

DATE:	Wednesday, June 11, 2003
TIME:	3:30 p.m.
LOCATION:	Palmdale SD Board Room 39139-49 10th Street East Palmdale, CA 93550

NOTE: Language translation services and American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters will be provided with a minimum notice of three business days prior to the public hearings. Posting or distribution of banners, leaflets, handouts, or other media or communications, which serve to promote or discourage specific points of view, are prohibited inside the hearing room. For additional information call (562) 922-6144.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

PUBLIC HEARING

on the Proposed Transfer of Territory from the
Palmdale School District (SD) to the Westside Union SD

A G E N D A

Westside Union SD
Educational Facilities Center
41914 50th Street West
Quartz Hill, CA 93536

Wednesday, June 11, 2003
2:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER—Chairperson Mr. John Nunez
- II. FLAG SALUTE—Mr. Nunez
- III. INTRODUCTIONS—Mr. Nunez
- IV. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) HEARING
 - A. Explanation of the proposal and CEQA process by Mr. Daniel Villanueva, Secretary.
- V. HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF TERRITORY FROM THE PALMDALE SD TO THE WESTSIDE UNION SD
 - A. Explanation of the proposal, conditions affecting transfer of territory proposals, and process by Mr. Villanueva.
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 - C. Testimony in the following order:
 1. Board members/superintendents of the affected districts
 - a. Westside Union SD
 - b. Palmdale SD
 2. Public Comments
 - a. Proponents of proposal
 - b. Opponents of proposal
 - D. Summation/Closing Statements
 1. Westside Union SD
 2. Palmdale SD
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AGENDA

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION (COUNTY COMMITTEE)

Regular Meeting

Los Angeles County Office of Education
Board Room
August 6, 2003
9:30 a.m.

I Information
D Discussion
A Action
** Sent to Committee*

I. CALL TO ORDER—Chairperson Mr. John Nunez

II. FLAG SALUTE—Mr. Nunez

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*I, D, A**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the County Committee, held on May 7, 2003, will be submitted for approval.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS—Secretary Mr. Danny Villanueva

*I, D**

Correspondence

- A June 19, 2003, letter from the State Clearinghouse (Governor's Office of Planning and Research) concerning the proposed transfer of territory from the Palmdale School District (SD) to the Westside Union SD. (Attachment 1)
- A June 19, 2003, letter from the California Department of Education (CDE) concerning the proposed formation of a Wiseburn Unified SD (USD). (Attachment 2)
- A July 1, 2003, letter from the CDE concerning the proposed formation of an Alhambra USD. (Attachment 3)

Additional Communication

- Local Agency Formation Commission Notice to Subject/Interested Agencies. (Attachment 4)

V. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

I, D

Any persons present desiring to address the County Committee on any proper matter may do so at this time. (Form must be completed and submitted to the Secretary.)

VI. PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF TERRITORY FROM THE PALMDALE SD TO THE WESTSIDE UNION SD *I, D**

Pursuant to Education Code (EC) §35705, public hearings were scheduled and conducted on June 11, 2003, in the Palmdale and Westside Union SDs. Pursuant to EC §35706, the County Committee has 120 days from the date of the public hearings to make a final determination on the petition (October 9, 2003).

An update on the status of the feasibility study related to this proposal was presented to the County Committee at its regular meeting on May 7, 2003.

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an overview of the proposal. Staff will present the final report.

(Attachment: "Report to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization Concerning the Proposed Transfer of Territory from the Palmdale School District to the Westside Union School District")

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE AFFECTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF TERRITORY FROM THE PALMDALE SD TO THE WESTSIDE UNION SD *I, D*

Ten minutes will be allotted for each school district to provide final comments regarding the proposal.

VIII. COUNTY COMMITTEE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF TERRITORY FROM THE PALMDALE SD TO THE WESTSIDE UNION SD *I, D, A*

The County Committee will consider the final report and presentations by the parties involved and may take action to approve or disapprove the petition in accordance with EC §35706.

IX. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT—ADOPTION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF TERRITORY FROM THE PALMDALE SD TO THE WESTSIDE UNION SD *I, D, A**

On May 19, 2003, a "Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration" (Negative Declaration) was posted for a public review period of not less than 30 days pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) §21091(b) with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, State of California Clearinghouse, and affected school districts.

In accordance with the requirements of PRC §21092.5(b), the County Committee conducted public hearings on June 11, 2003, at the respective school districts on the potential environmental impact that the proposed transfer of territory may have on the area of transfer and the surrounding area.

Should the County Committee approve the transfer of territory, the County Committee is required to consider the proposed Negative Declaration together with any comments received during the public review process. The County Committee will approve the Negative Declaration if it finds, on the basis of the initial study and any comments received, that there is no substantial evidence that the proposal will have a significant effect on the environment.

Should the County Committee deny the transfer of territory, no action is required.

(Attachments: "Negative Declaration," "Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration" and "Environmental Checklist Form")

X. REVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

I, D, A

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an overview of proposed legislation related to school district organization. The County Committee may take action to support or oppose the legislation or provide comments to the authors.

XI. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES USD REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS

*I, D**

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an update on school district reorganization proposals affecting the Los Angeles USD.

(Attachment: "Summary of Los Angeles USD Reorganization Proposals")

XII. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS EXCLUDING THOSE AFFECTING THE LOS ANGELES USD

*I, D**

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an update on school district reorganization proposals affecting Los Angeles County school districts other than the Los Angeles USD.

(Attachment: "Summary of Los Angeles County School District Reorganization Proposals [excluding those affecting the Los Angeles USD]")

XIII. ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, CONCERNS, OR ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

I, D

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

**REPORT TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF TERRITORY
FROM THE PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TO THE WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 28, 2003, the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) received a petition in the form of a resolution from the Westside Union School District (SD) governing board. The petition requested a transfer of certain territory from the Palmdale SD to the Westside Union SD. The petition was signed by a majority of the governing board members, pursuant to Education Code (EC) §35700(d).

On April 16, 2003, LACOE received a petition in the form of a resolution from the Palmdale SD governing board, dated April 15, 2003. The petition requested a transfer of the same territory from the Palmdale SD to the Westside Union SD. The petition was signed by a majority of the governing board members, pursuant to EC §35700(d).

In accordance with EC §35704, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) found the petitions sufficient and signed as required by law, and immediately thereafter transmitted them to the State Board of Education (SBE) and Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCO). The petitions were presented to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) at its regular meeting on May 7, 2003.

Pursuant to EC §35705, public hearings were conducted on June 11, 2003, at the Palmdale SD's Board Room and at Westside Union SD's Educational Facilities Center. Public hearings pertaining to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) were also held in both districts at that time, pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) §21092.5(b).

The rationale for the proposed transfer of territory as indicated on the petitions is as follows:

"This petition is for the purpose of consolidating property of the City Ranch development into one elementary school district. The proposal would transfer territory from the Palmdale School District and annex to the Westside Union SD the uninhabited territory particularly described as follows, to wit:

Those portions of Sections 29 and 32, in Township 6 North, Range 12 West, S.B.B.&M., in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows:

Commencing at the north quarter corner of said Section 29;

Thence southerly along the westerly line of the northeast quarter of said Section 29, 1315.84 feet to a point on the southerly boundary line of Tract No. 51457, recorded in Book 1240, pages 7 through 17 of maps in the Office of the Recorder of said County, and the 'True Point of Beginning';

Thence easterly along said southerly boundary line of Tract Map No. 51457, to a point on the easterly line of said northeast quarter of Section 29;

Thence southerly along the easterly lines of said Sections 29 and 32, to the southeast corner of said Section 32;

Thence westerly along the southerly line of said Township 6 North, Range 12 West, to the south quarter section corner of said Section 32;

Thence northerly along the center quarter section lines of said Sections 32 and 29 to the 'True Point Beginning'.

Containing 555.59 Acres (0.87 Sq. Miles), more or less."

The area proposed for transfer is uninhabited. No students will be affected by this proposal. Further, the petition area does not contain property or facilities of either school district.

Pursuant to EC §35706 and criteria set forth in EC §35753, staff of the County Committee has analyzed this proposal and has determined that all criteria contained in EC §35753 have been substantially met. Table 1 provides a summary of the conditions, staff's findings, and rationale. The following report provides a detailed analysis of each condition to be considered by the County Committee in its evaluation of the petition.

TABLE 1
SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS, FINDINGS, AND RATIONALE

#	Condition	Findings	Rationale
1.	Adequacy in number of students.	Substantially Met	Each district would continue to maintain enrollment of at least 901 students.
2.	Community identity.	Substantially Met	As the petition area is undeveloped and uninhabited, the proposed transfer of territory would neither add to nor detract from the community identity of either district.
3.	Equitable division of assets and liabilities.	Substantially Met	Reorganization would not require a division of assets or liabilities.
4.	Will not promote ethnic discrimination or segregation.	Substantially Met	Reorganization would not affect student enrollment or attendance in either district.
5.	Will not substantially increase costs to the state.	Substantially Met	Reorganization would not impact state funding.
6.	Will not significantly disrupt educational programs in either district.	Substantially Met	Educational program changes would not be required.
7.	Will not result in a significant increase in school housing costs.	Substantially Met	School housing requirements would not change.
8.	Proposal is not designed to substantially increase property values.	Substantially Met	There is no evidence that a desire to increase property values is a motive for the request to transfer the subject territory.
9.	Will not affect the fiscal management or status of the affected districts.	Substantially Met	No impact would occur to either district's revenues or expenses.

II. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

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III. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL AREA

The City Ranch development, also known as the Anaverde Master Plan Community, is a 555.59 acre parcel of land on which the construction of 5000 homes is proposed. The property lies in both the Palmdale SD and the Westside Union SD. The land is currently undeveloped and uninhabited, and contains no school facilities from either district.

The formal description of the proposed transfer of territory as indicated by the petitions is as follows:

"Those portions of Sections 29 and 32, in Township 6 North, Range 12 West, S.B.B.&M., in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows:

Commencing at the north quarter corner of said Section 29;

Thence southerly along the westerly line of the northeast quarter of said Section 29, 1315.84 feet to a point on the southerly boundary line of Tract No. 51457, recorded in Book 1240, pages 7 through 17 of maps in the Office of the Recorder of said County, and the 'True Point of Beginning';

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Thence northerly along the center quarter section lines of said Sections 32 and 29 to the 'True Point Beginning'.

Containing 555.59 Acres (0.87 Sq. Miles), more or less."

In addition, Map A (Attachment 1) and Map B (Attachment 2) further outline the petition area.

IV. DESCRIPTION OF IMPACTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS

PALMDALE SD

The Palmdale SD, formed in 1945, serves most of the students within the City of Palmdale. Some students who are residents of the City of Palmdale currently attend the Westside Union SD. The district operates 21 elementary schools, three intermediate schools, and 16 preschools. For the 2002-03 school year, the district had an enrollment of 22,524 students. The district's 2002-03 General Fund expenditures were \$182 million, as reported on the Second Interim Report dated March 11, 2003.

WESTSIDE UNION SD

The Westside Union SD, formed in 1945, serves students residing within the cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Currently, the district operates seven elementary schools and two middle schools, and will be adding a new school during the 2003-04 school year. For the 2002-03 school year, the district had an enrollment of 7,104 students. The district's 2002-03 General Fund expenditures were \$42 million, as reported on the Second Interim Report dated March 18, 2003.

V. PETITIONER RATIONALE

The rationale for the transfer, as indicated on the petitions from the Palmdale and Westside Union SDs, is to incorporate the City Ranch development project into one elementary school district. The City Ranch development, part of the Anaverde Master Plan, is undertaking the development of a 5000 home planned community. The petition area, a 555.59 acre parcel of land, represents a portion of the planned community. Once homes have been built, containing the entire development into one school district would facilitate school operations and scheduling, vacations and activities, and will foster stronger community ties throughout the planned community.

Without realignment, the current boundary line would bifurcate some existing homes. In addition, the California Aqueduct runs through the middle of the undeveloped petition area, raising concerns regarding transportation management for a school district straddling both sides of this obstacle.

VI. POSITIONS OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS

PALMDALE SD

At its regular meeting on April 15, 2003, the Palmdale SD Governing Board adopted a resolution petition (Attachment 3) proposing the transfer of certain territory from the Palmdale SD to the Westside Union SD.

At the public hearing held on June 11, 2003, Mr. Mat Havens, Facility Acquisition/Development Manager, Palmdale SD, expressed the governing board's support of the proposed transfer of territory.

WESTSIDE UNION SD

At its regular meeting on March 28, 2003, the Westside Union SD Governing Board adopted a resolution petition (Attachment 4) proposing the transfer of certain territory from the Palmdale SD to the Westside Union SD.

At the public hearing held on June 11, 2003, Dr. John Costello, Superintendent, Westside Union SD, expressed the governing board's support of the proposed transfer of territory.

VII. ANALYSIS OF MANDATED CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

EC §35753 identifies nine conditions which must be reviewed by the County Committee as part of the decision-making process related to proposed school district reorganizations. The County Committee must determine if these conditions are substantially met.

The County Committee may vote to approve a proposal to transfer territory when the conditions contained in EC §35753(a)(1) through (10) are substantially met.

The County Committee has the option to disapprove a proposal to transfer territory even when the conditions are substantially met, if it determines that the proposal is not in the best overall interests of those affected; there is no compelling reason for a change; the proposal will not improve the effectiveness and/or the efficiency of the delivery of educational services to students; or for any other reason(s) the County Committee deems relevant.

The County Committee may also approve a proposal to transfer territory if it determines it is not practical or possible to apply the EC §35753 conditions literally and circumstances with respect to the proposal present an exceptional situation sufficient to justify approval of the proposal.

CONDITION 1

The new districts will be adequate in terms of the number of students enrolled.

The County Committee may approve proposals for reorganization of districts if the new district is adequate in terms of the number of pupils enrolled. Section 18573(a)(1)(a) of Title V, California Administrative Code (CAC), specifies that elementary school districts must have a projected enrollment of at least 901 students.

FINDINGS

Information provided by the California Department of Education (CDE) for the 2001-02 school year indicates that the student enrollment for the Palmdale SD is 22,524 students and the Westside Union SD is 7,104 students. Because no students reside in the area proposed for transfer, each district will continue to maintain a student body size well in excess of the minimum mandated level for elementary schools of 901 students.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The approval of this petition would not change the student enrollment level to below the minimum 901 student enrollment standard for an elementary school district in either district. On this basis, it can be concluded that each district would maintain sufficient enrollment. Therefore, it is recommended that the County Committee deem Condition 1 to be substantially met.

CONDITION 2

The districts are each organized on the basis of a substantial community identity.

The CAC, Title V, Section 18573(a)(2)(A-G), provides that community identity should be determined using criteria such as: isolation; geography; distance between social centers; distance between school centers; topography; weather; community, school, and social ties; and other circumstances peculiar to the area.

FINDINGS

Because the petition area is undeveloped and uninhabited land, any assessment of its community identity with either school district is speculative. However, if the City Ranch development project moves forward, there could be a positive impact on community identity if the entire project were placed into one school district (Westside Union SD). The City Ranch development, part of the Anaverde Master Plan, is undertaking the development of a 5000 home planned community. The petition area, a 555.59 acre parcel of land, represents a portion of that planned community. Once homes are built, containing the entire development into one school district would facilitate school operations and scheduling, vacations and activities, and will foster stronger community ties throughout the planned development.

Although there would be little to no discernable impact on community identity if the petition were approved, it could result in a benefit to such identity if and when the City Ranch development project is complete.

Community Services Provider Information

As there are no residents within the transfer area, there is no interaction with service providers, and thus no negative impact.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

If the petition is approved, and homes are eventually developed on the property in question, the petition area will have greater identity with the Westside Union SD because the planned community will be within one school district. Additionally, the California Aqueduct runs through the center of the undeveloped land in the petition area; should this area be developed, the proposed transfer of territory would address transportation management issues. It is recommended that the County Committee deem Condition 2 to be substantially met.

CONDITION 3

The proposal will result in an equitable division of property and facilities of the original district or districts.

The division of real and personal property, funds, and obligations, except bonded indebtedness, shall be determined as provided in EC §§35560(a), 35561, 35564, 35565, and 35736.

FINDINGS

Real Property

No real or personal public school property of either the Palmdale SD or the Westside Union SD is located within the boundaries of the area proposed for transfer.

Bonded Indebtedness and Tax Rate

EC §35575 states that "[w]hen territory is taken from one school district and annexed to another school district and the area transferred contains no public school property or buildings, the territory shall drop any liability for outstanding bonded indebtedness in the district of which it was formerly a part (Palmdale SD) and shall automatically assume its proportionate share of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the district of which it becomes a part (Westside Union SD)." Since there are no school facilities and/or property located in the area proposed for transfer, the bonded indebtedness provisions of EC §35575 would apply.

Currently, the Palmdale SD has issued authorized bonds totaling \$21,128,371 as indicated on its Audit Report dated June 30, 2003, and the Westside Union SD has issued authorized bonds totaling \$17,198,593, as indicated on its Audit Report dated June 30, 2003.

Analysis of Assessed Valuation and Bonding Capacity

EC §15102 specifies that the total amount of bonds issued by a non-unified school district shall not exceed 1.25 percent of the taxable properties' assessed valuation. EC §15106 specifies that the total amount of bonds issued by a unified school district or community college district shall not exceed 2.5 percent of the taxable properties' assessed valuation.

Table 2 provides an analysis of the impact of approval of the petition on residents of the petition area, based on information provided by the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller's Tax Division.

**Table 2
Fiscal Year 2002-03
Tax Rate**

	Current Tax Rate*	Tax Rate After Transfer	Change in Tax Rate	Parcel Tax	Final Tax Rate
Palmdale SD	.029944	.029944	0%	None	.029944
Westside Union SD	.026255**	.026255	0%	None	.026255
Petition Area Residents***	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Tax rate per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. (Source: Los Angeles County Tax Levy Resolution for Fiscal Year 2002-03)

** Rate represents a combination of three bonds ("Westside Union Refund '1989' Series C [Prop. 87]"; "Westside Union '1998' Series A [Prop. 87]"; and "Westside Union '1998' Series 2001A [Prop. 87]").

*** The petition area is uninhabited.

Student Body Funds

Since the petition area is uninhabited, it is unlikely that any students will reside in the area before any transfer of territory can be approved. Therefore, the provisions of the Education Code pertaining to the distribution of student body funds (EC §35564) do not apply to this proposal.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Because there are no school facilities located within the transfer area or students who reside in the area, a division of property, funds or obligations of the school districts would not be required should this proposal be approved.

Pursuant to EC §35736, all property, funds, and obligations, other than real property and bonded indebtedness, shall be divided pro rata between the districts based on the number of affected students as a percentage of the Westside Union SD's total student population. In the event that the petition is approved and students reside in the petition area prior to the effective date of the reorganization for all purposes, this method would result in an equitable division of the property, funds, and obligations of the districts. Therefore, it is recommended that the County Committee deem Condition 3 to be substantially met.

CONDITION 4

The reorganization of the districts will not promote racial or ethnic discrimination or segregation.

The CAC, Title V, Section 18573(a)(4)(A-E), states that:

“To determine whether the new districts will promote racial or ethnic discrimination or segregation, the effects of the following factors will be considered:

The current number and percentage of pupils in each racial and ethnic group in the affected districts and schools in the affected districts, compared with the number and percentage of pupils in each racial and ethnic group in the affected districts and schools in the affected districts, if the proposal or petition is approved.

The trends and rates of present and possible future growth or change in the total population in the districts affected, in each racial and ethnic group within the total district, and in each school of the affected districts.

The school board policies regarding methods of preventing racial and ethnic segregation in the affected districts and the effect of the proposal or petition on any desegregation plan or program of the affected districts, whether voluntary or court ordered, designed to prevent or alleviate racial or ethnic discrimination or segregation.

The effect of factors such as distance between schools and attendance centers, terrain, and geographic features that may involve safety hazards to students, capacity of schools, and related conditions or circumstances that may have an effect on the feasibility of integration of the affected schools.

The effect of the proposal on the duty of the governing board of each of the affected districts to take steps, insofar as reasonably feasible, to alleviate segregation of minority students in schools regardless of its cause.”

As a matter of County Committee policy, the County Committee may also consider:

- participation in extracurricular activities;
- equipment of affected school districts;
- state of facilities of affected school districts;
- perception of staff, administrators, and community regarding whether schools are segregated; and,
- racial/ethnic make-up of staff and administration.

FINDINGS

Table 3 displays the 2001-02 district-wide student enrollment by racial/ethnic categories for the Palmdale SD, as provided by the CDE. As shown, the district is composed of 76.1 percent minority students and 23.1 percent white students.

TABLE 3
Palmdale SD Racial/Ethnic Distribution*

	Indian/ Alaskan	Asian	Pacific Islander	Filipino	Hispanic	African American	Total Minority	White	Multiple or No Response	Total
Total	190	281	162	421	10,865	5,220	17,139	5,194	191	22,524
% of Total	.8%	1.2%	.7%	1.9%	48.2%	23.2%	76.1%	23.1%	.8%	100.00 %

*Source: CDE, "Enrollment in California Public Schools for 2001-2002."

Table 4 displays the 2001-02 district-wide student enrollment by racial/ethnic categories for the Westside Union SD as provided by the CDE. As shown, the district is composed of 33.1 percent minority students and 65.6 percent white students.

TABLE 4
Westside Union SD Racial/Ethnic Distribution*

	Indian/ Alaskan	Asian	Pacific Islander	Filipino	Hispanic	African American	Total Minority	White	Multiple or No Response	Total
Total	64	197	31	99	1,261	701	2,353	4,662	89	7,104
% of Total	.9%	2.8%	.4%	1.4%	17.8%	9.9%	33.1%	65.6%	1.3%	100.00 %

*Source: CDE, "Enrollment in California Public Schools for 2001-2002."

There are no students residing within the petition area, as it is uninhabited land.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Because the petition area is uninhabited, there are no students residing in the area. Therefore, there would be no shift of students and thus no discernable impact on the ethnic or racial distribution of either district. Percentage distribution across ethnic categories would remain nearly identical in both districts. It is concluded that the proposed petition, if approved, would not promote racial or ethnic discrimination in either school district. Therefore, it is recommended that the County Committee deem Condition 4 to be substantially met.

CONDITION 5

The proposed reorganization will not result in any substantial increase in costs to the state.

Pursuant to EC §35735.1, the blended revenue limit total for the affected districts, including adjustments for classified and certificated salaries, shall not exceed 110 percent of the original base revenue limit (BRL) per unit of average daily attendance (ADA) calculated pursuant to EC §42238 and §42238.5. Application of this provision means that an increase in the revenue limit of either school district as a result of this reorganization would be limited to ten percent of its existing BRL.

FINDINGS

As there are no students that currently reside within the transfer area, it can be expected that neither school district would incur any additional costs should the petition be approved. The BRL for each school district would be unaffected should this proposal be approved. Currently, the BRL for the

Palmdale SD, as reported by the CDE for the 2002-03 school year, is \$4,609.26. The BRL for the Westside Union SD, as reported by the CDE for the 2002-03 school year, is \$4,532.66. (Source: P-1 Recertified Attendance Report dated March 19, 2003)

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Should this proposal be approved, the BRLs per ADA for the Palmdale SD and the Westside Union SD would remain the same. There would be no additional cost incurred by the state. Therefore, it is recommended that the County Committee deem Condition 5 to be substantially met.

CONDITION 6

The proposed reorganization will not significantly disrupt the educational programs in the proposed districts and districts affected by the proposed reorganization will continue to promote sound education performance in those districts.

Condition 6 considers the effect of the proposed transfer of territory on educational programs of the districts affected by the reorganization.

FINDINGS

As there are no students currently residing within the petition area, it can be expected that, should the petition be approved, neither school district would experience changes in its educational programs. Each district would continue to provide an educational program appropriate for the students they serve.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

As this petition would not require that either district modify or discontinue any portion of its current curriculum, it is concluded that the educational programs of the districts would not be disrupted and the districts would continue to promote sound educational performance. Therefore, it is recommended that the County Committee deem Condition 6 to be substantially met.

CONDITION 7

The proposed reorganization will not result in a significant increase in school housing costs.

FINDINGS

As there are no students currently residing within the transfer area, it can be expected that neither school district would experience a significant increase in housing costs due to changes or modification to the current student housing requirements or facilities. Each district would continue to conduct educational programs and student services in facilities that are currently available or under construction. No facilities lie within the petition area because it is uninhabited land.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

As this petition would not require that either district change any portion of its existing student housing requirements or configuration, it is concluded that the proposed reorganization, if approved, would not result in a significant increase in school housing costs. Therefore, it is recommended that the County Committee deem Condition 7 to be substantially met.

CONDITION 8

The proposed reorganization is not primarily designed to result in a significant increase in property values causing financial advantage to property owners because territory was transferred from one school district to an adjoining district.

By policy, to evaluate this condition, the County Committee should analyze the rationale presented in the petition for transfer. In addition, if the proposed reorganization creates a significant change in local property values, the County Committee should consider whether increasing property values is the primary reason for the petition.

FINDINGS

The rationale for this petition, as reported in previous sections, is to contain the entirety of the City Ranch development/Anaverde Master Plan Community within one school district. There is no evidence of, nor was any information stated to conclude, a motive by petitioners to increase property values. The property is undeveloped, uninhabited land with no facilities.

The petitioners have indicated, at the public hearings held on June 11, 2003, and in their responses to requests for information by LACOE, that an increase in home values that may come as a result of approval of the petition (providing that homes are eventually built within the petition area), is not the primary reason for the transfer request.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

EC §35753(a)(8) does not state that transfers should be denied if increases in property value are projected. This section states that a proposal may be approved if "... the proposed reorganization is not primarily designed to result in a significant increase in property values ..."

Because there are no homes on the undeveloped and uninhabited land contained in the petition area, a motive seeking to increase property values cannot be ascribed to the petitioners. Therefore, it is recommended that the County Committee deem Condition 8 to be substantially met.

CONDITION 9

The proposed reorganization will not negatively affect the fiscal management or fiscal status of the proposed district or any existing district affected by the proposed reorganization.

By policy, the County Committee should consider the financial trends of the affected districts and revenue gains and/or losses that may result from the proposed reorganization. This information is used to evaluate the proposal's effect on the viability of the reorganized districts to operate educational programs and to assess any negative impact to the fiscal management or status of the reorganized district(s).

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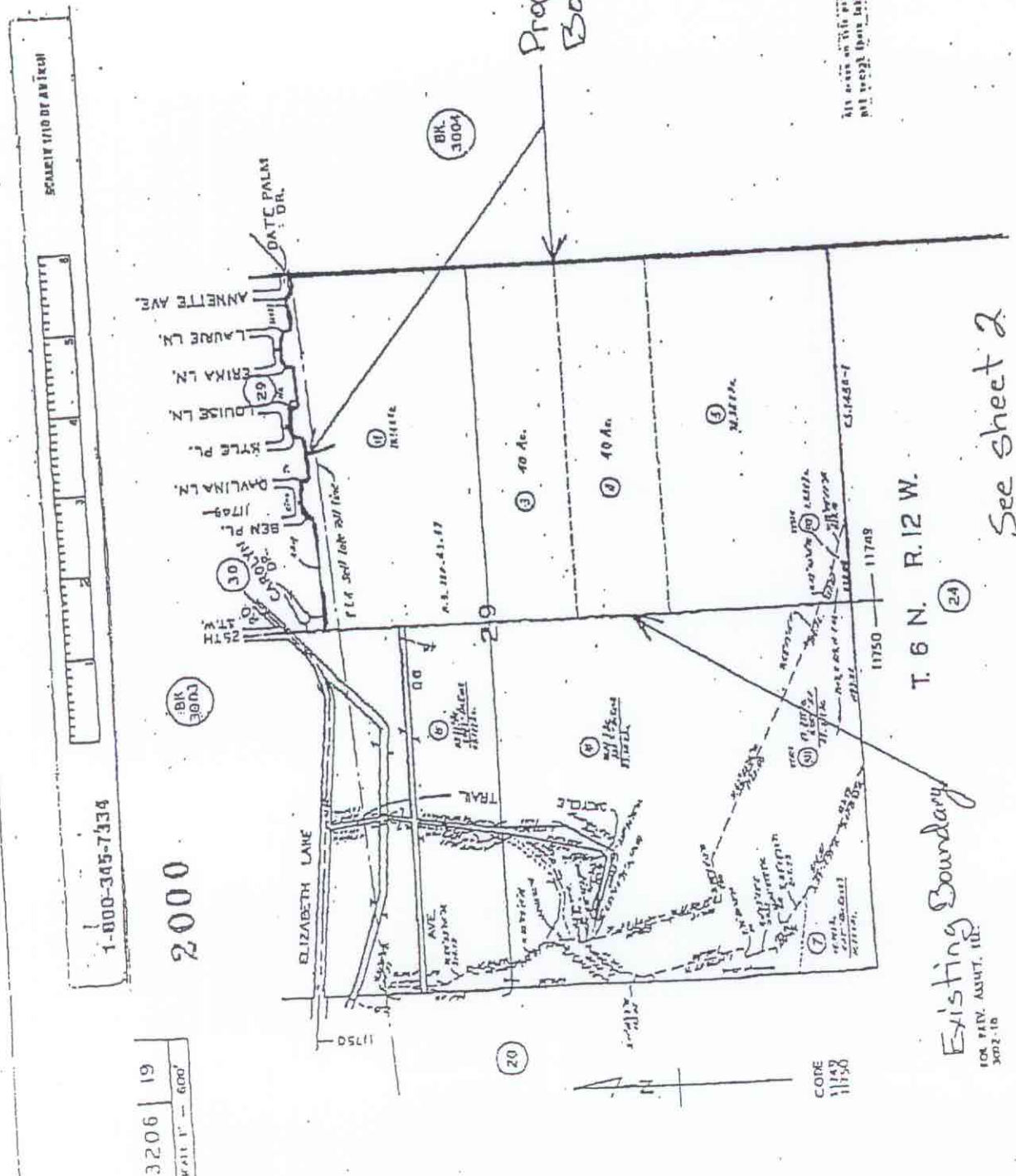
As there are no public school students currently residing within the transfer area, it can be expected that neither school district would realize significant additional revenue or expenses should the proposal be approved.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

It is concluded that this transfer would not negatively effect the fiscal management or status of either affected district. Therefore, it is recommended that the County Committee deem Condition 9 to be substantially met.

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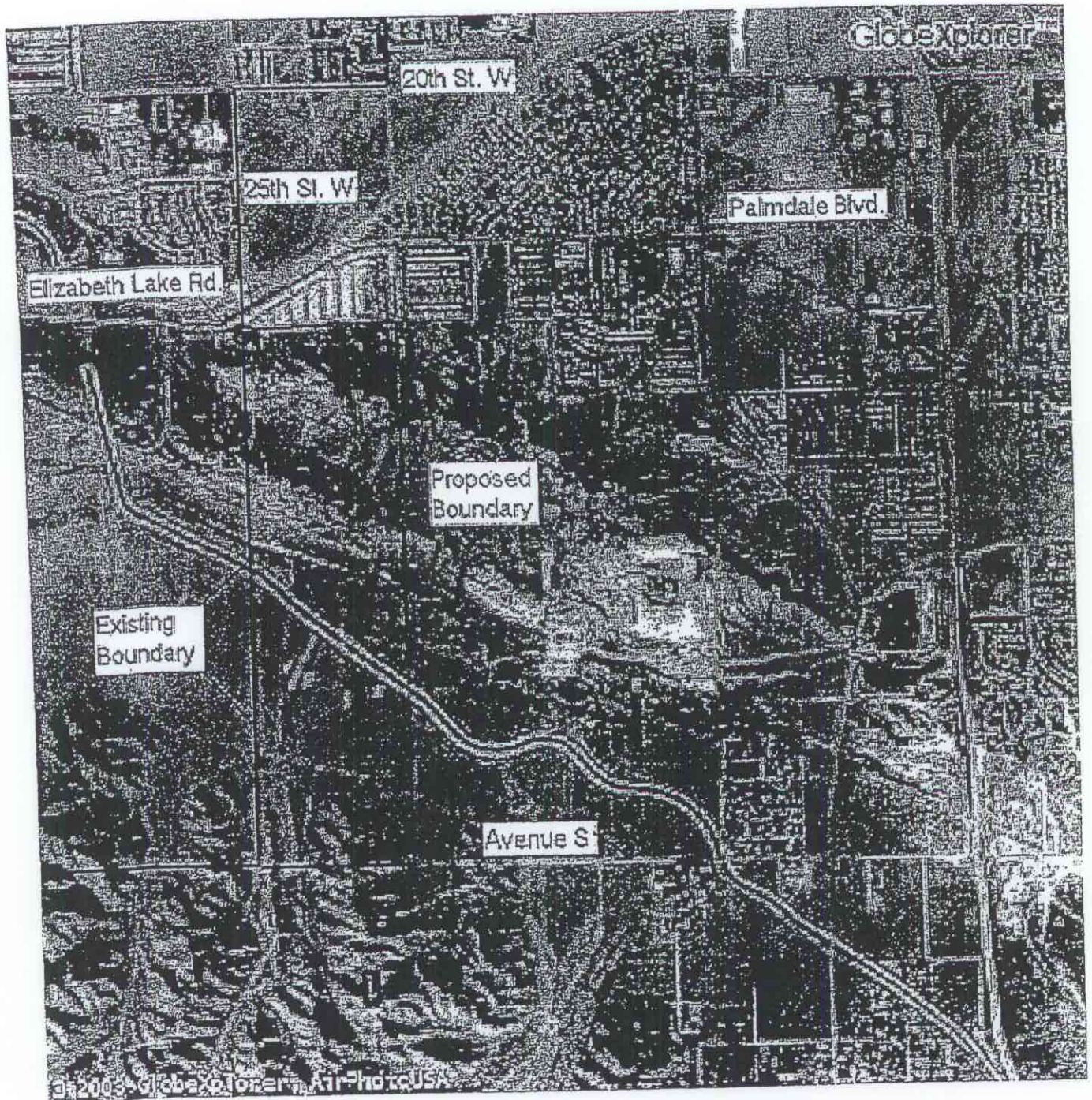
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Re: Transfer of Property
Palmdale School District to Westside Union School District

Dear Mr. Villanueva:

Enclosed please find Petition to Transfer Territory (with original signatures), Exhibit A, and maps on the above referenced transfer of property.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Mat Havens
Facilities Manager

MH/bm

Enclosures

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EDUCATION CODE SECTIONS 35700, et seq.

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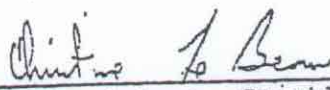
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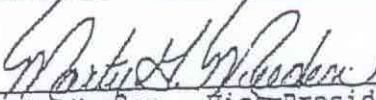
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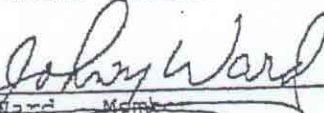
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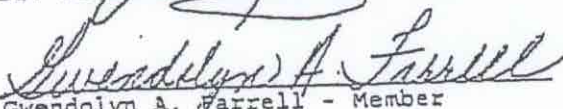
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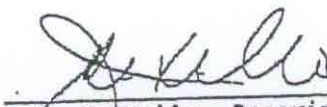

John Costello, Superintendent
Secretary, Westside Union SD Governing Board

EXHIBIT "A"

Those portions of Sections 29 and 32, in Township 6 North, Range 12 West, S.B.B.&M., in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows:

Commencing at the north quarter corner of said Section 29;

Thence southerly along the westerly line of the northeast quarter of said Section 29, 1315.84 feet to a point on the southerly boundary line of Tract No. 51457, recorded in Book 1240, pages 7 through 17 of maps in the Office of the Recorder of said County, and the "True Point of Beginning";

Thence easterly along said southerly boundary line of Tract Map No. 51457, to a point on the easterly line of said northeast quarter of Section 29;

Thence southerly along the easterly lines of said Sections 29 and 32, to the southeast corner of said Section 32;

Thence westerly along the southerly line of said Township 6 North, Range 12 West, to the south quarter section corner of said Section 32;

Thence northerly along the center quarter section lines of said Sections 32 and 29 to the "True Point of Beginning".

Containing 555.59 Acres (0.87 Sq. Miles), more or less.



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March 24, 2003

Attachment 4
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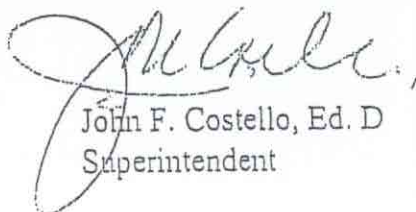
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Dear Mr. Villanueva:

The Westside Union School District requests that the territory identified as Exhibit A, Legal Description, be transferred from the Palmdale School District to the Westside Union School District.

If I can answer any questions regarding this transfer, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,


John F. Costello, Ed. D
Superintendent

JFC:tw

cc: Mrs. Nancy Smith, Superintendent Palmdale School District





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Adopted by the Governing Board of the Westside Union School District this 18th day of February 2003.

Ayes - 3

Noes - 0

Absent - 2

Attest.

John F. Costello
John F. Costello, Ed.D, Superintendent
Secretary, Westside Union School District
Governing Board

Dated

3/28/03

EXHIBIT "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
PA 25 - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE

THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32,
TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, SAN BERNARDINO MERIDIAN IN
THE CITY OF PALMDALE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 32;
THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 32 NORTH
00°00'20" EAST 1680.75 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE

1. CONTINUING ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE NORTH 00°00'20"
EAST 550.66 FEET; THENCE
2. LEAVING SAID EASTERLY LINE NORTH 56°15'16" WEST 462.26
FEET; THENCE
3. NORTH 65°09'48" WEST 46.28 FEET; THENCE
4. NORTH 83°29'29" WEST 46.10 FEET; THENCE
5. SOUTH 78°19'37" WEST 46.12 FEET; THENCE
6. SOUTH 67°01'23" WEST 197.54 FEET TO A POINT AT THE
BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE WESTERLY
HAVING A RADIUS OF 872.00 FEET, A RADIAL LINE THROUGH
SAID POINT BEARS NORTH 76°49'07" EAST; THENCE
7. SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF
33°16'32" AN ARC DISTANCE OF 506.43 FEET; THENCE
8. NON-TANGENT TO SAID CURVE SOUTH 22°11'13" EAST 17.49
FEET; THENCE
9. SOUTH 64°28'05" EAST 317.15 FEET TO A TANGENT CURVE

CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 968.00 FEET;
THENCE

10. SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL
ANGLE OF $26^{\circ}40'17''$ AN ARC DISTANCE OF 450.61 FEET TO
THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 10.45 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.



Jeff W. Nolan
3-13-03

SCALE: 1"=200'

EXHIBIT "B"

SHEET 1 OF 1

PA 25 - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE
CITY OF PALMDALE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CURVE TABLE			
CURVE	DELTA	RADIUS	LENGTH
C1	33°16'32"	872.00'	506.43'
C2	26°40'17"	968.00'	450.61'



T6N, R12W, S.B.M

E 1/4 COR., SEC. 32

CENTER OF SEC. 32

N76°49'07"E
(RAD.)

LINE TABLE		
LINE	BEARING	LENGTH
L1	N65°09'48"W	46.28'
L2	N83°29'29"W	46.10'
L3	S78°19'37"W	46.12'
L4	S67°01'23"W	197.54'
L5	S22°11'13"E	17.49'
L6	S64°28'05"E	317.15'

POR. SE 1/4, SEC. 32

E'LY LINE, SEC. 32

AREA=10.45 ACRES

L5

L6

T.P.O.B.

C2

S 1/4 COR., SEC. 32

P.O.C.
SE COR., SEC. 32

SIKAND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES
15230 BURBANK BLVD. VAN NUYS, CA 91411

LOT CLOSURES FOR CITY RANCH - School Site
W.O.5100-006-01
March 12, 2003

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School Site

North: 2027218.0706	East : 6512038.6892
Line Course: N 00-00-20 E Length: 550.66	
North: 2027768.7306	East : 6512038.7426
Line Course: N 56-15-16 W Length: 462.26	
North: 2028025.5187	East : 6511654.3676
Line Course: N 65-09-48 W Length: 46.28	
North: 2028044.9578	East : 6511612.3680
Line Course: N 83-29-29 W Length: 46.10	
North: 2028050.1834	East : 6511566.5652
Line Course: S 78-19-37 W Length: 46.12	
North: 2028040.8521	East : 6511521.3990
Line Course: S 67-01-23 W Length: 197.54	
North: 2027963.7402	East : 6511339.5314
Curve Length: 506.43	Radius: 872.00
Delta: 33-16-32	Tangent: 260.58
Chord: 499.35	Course: S 03-27-23 W
Course In: S 76-49-07 W	Course Out: S 69-54-21 E
RP North: 2027764.8940	East : 6510490.5060
End North: 2027465.3062	East : 6511309.4267
Line Course: S 22-11-13 E Length: 17.49	
North: 2027449.1112	East : 6511316.0314
Line Course: S 64-28-05 E Length: 317.15	
North: 2027312.4150	East : 6511602.2102
Curve Length: 450.61	Radius: 968.00
Delta: 26-40-17	Tangent: 229.46
Chord: 446.55	Course: S 77-48-13 E
Course In: N 25-31-55 E	Course Out: S 01-08-22 E
RP North: 2028185.8851	East : 6512019.4320
End North: 2027218.0765	East : 6512038.6814
Perimeter: 2640.64 Area: 455,111 sq.ft. 10.448 acres	

Mapcheck Closure - (Uses listed courses, radii, and deltas)
Error Closure: 0.0098 Course: N 53-09-13 W
Error North: 0.00586 East : -0.00783
Precision 1: 269,453.06

LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES
CODE SECTION 21091(f)

REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF TERRITORY FROM PALMDALE SCHOOL
DISTRICT (SD) TO THE WESTSIDE UNION SD

Description of the Project: Change political boundaries of school districts for approximately 555.59 acres of uninhabited, undeveloped territory from the Palmdale SD to the Westside Union SD, pursuant to California Education Code Section 74104 *et seq.*

Location of the Project: Unincorporated portion of the Northwest County of Los Angeles located in the north section of the Palmdale SD bordered by the Westside Union SD, as indicated in Attachment "A".

Proponents of the Project: This action has been requested by the Governing Boards of the affected districts pursuant to Education Code Section 35700(d).

Proposed Finding: This project will not have a significant effect on the environment. (See Attachment "B".)

Mitigation Measures Proposed: None

Signature 

Title: Secretary to the Los Angeles
County Committee on School
District Organization

Date 7/9/03



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RESOLUTION 04-03

Negotiated Exchange of Property Tax Revenue Pursuant to Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code

Resolution of the governing board of the Westside Union School District approving the negotiated exchange of property tax revenue resulting from the transfer of territory from the Palmdale School District to the Westside School District.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (RTC), prior to the effective date of any jurisdictional change, the governing bodies of all agencies whose service areas or service responsibilities would be altered by such change must determine the amount of property tax revenue to be exchanged between the affected agencies and approve the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues (Agreement) by resolution; and

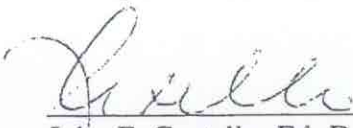
WHEREAS, each district recognizes that under current school finance law changes in the amount of property tax revenue to a particular school district have no direct bearing on the total amount of revenue limit income to be allowed to that school district pursuant to Education Code §42238 et seq.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

Section I: No property tax revenue, resulting from RTC Section 95 to 97, will be transferred from the Palmdale School District to the Westside Union School District except for each fiscal year commencing on and after July 1, 2004. Any additional tax revenues pursuant to RTC Section 98, resulting from growth in the assessed valuation in the territory transferred, shall be allocated to the Westside Union School District.

Section II: The parties agree to submit the Agreement to Los Angeles County and the State of California in fulfillment of the requirements cited above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, by officer duly authorized to subscribe to the Agreement this 5th day of August, 2003.


John F. Costello, Ed. D
Superintendent

Westside Union School District
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June 23, 2003

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Attn: Danny G. Villanueva

Re: Transfer of Property - Palmdale School District to Westside Union School District

Dear Mr. Villanueva:

The above mentioned transfer of property was approved at the June 3, 2003 board meeting. We are enclosing the following documents:

- Executed Resolution No. 39
- Agenda Item
- Board Blurb

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,




Mat Havens
Facilities Manager

MH/bm



14. Mrs. Barcelona moved to approve A-290-02/03, Resolution #39, reference transfer of property – Palmdale School District to Westside Union School District. Mrs. Dominguez seconded the motion which, passed unanimously. (A copy of this report is attached to and is a part of the official minutes.)

I certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an excerpt from the official minutes of the Palmdale School District Board of Trustees. Said action taken at the regularly scheduled Board meeting, June 3, 2003.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Rice", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert D. Rice, Ed.D.
Acting Superintendent

PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: BUSINESS SERVICES

DATE OF BOARD

MEETING: JUNE 3, 2003

REPORT

X ACTION

RE: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO.39
TRANSFER OF PROPERTY
PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM

BACKGROUND:

Palmdale School District and Westside Union School District have agreed to transfer undeveloped property in the proposed City Ranch Development from Palmdale School District to Westside Union School District.

STATUS:

A Board Resolution is required stating no property tax revenue will be transferred from Palmdale School District to the Westside Union School District except for each fiscal year commencing on and after July 1, 2004 and as stated in the resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Trustees pass Resolution No. 39 approving the negotiated exchange of property tax revenue resulting from the transfer of territory from the Palmdale School District to the Westside Union School District.

**Negotiated Exchange of Property Tax Revenue
Pursuant to Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code**

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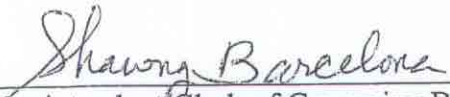
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Superintendent/Clerk of Governing Board

Palmdale School District
School District

BOE-400-TA REV. 1 (2-00)
STATEMENT OF BOUNDARY CHANGE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Please mail to the Board of Equalization, Tax Area Services Section, 450 N Street, MIC:59,
 P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, California 94279-0059.

BOE USE ONLY
B.O.E. File No.: _____

County: Los Angeles	County #: 19	Acreage: 556	Fee: \$ 2,500	Res./Ord. No.: _____
Conducting Authority: Los Angeles County				LAFCo. Res.: _____
Short Form Designation: _____				Effective Date: August 6, 2003

1. Type of action: (check one only)	<input type="checkbox"/> 01 Annexation to district	<input type="checkbox"/> 06 Consolidation of TRA's	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Redevelopment
	<input type="checkbox"/> 02 Annexation to city	<input type="checkbox"/> 07 Detachment from district	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 Name change
	<input type="checkbox"/> 04 City incorporation	<input type="checkbox"/> 08 Dissolution of district	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 Reorganization
	<input type="checkbox"/> 05 Consolidation of district	<input type="checkbox"/> 09 Formation-District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13 School district change

2. Principal City/District(s) affected by action:	DISTRICT NAME	DISTRICT NAME
	Transfer of territory from the	to the Westside Union SD
	Palmdale School District (SD)	

3. Affected territory is legally:	<input type="checkbox"/> Inhabited	<input type="checkbox"/> Developed	Number of Areas: _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uninhabited	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undeveloped	

4. The affected territory:	<input type="checkbox"/> Will be taxed for existing bonded indebtedness or contractual obligations as set forth by the terms and conditions as stated in the resolution.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Will not be taxed for existing bonded indebtedness or contractual obligations.

5. Election:	<input type="checkbox"/> An election authorizing this action was held on _____ date _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is exempt from election.

6. Enclosed are the following items required at the time of filing:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees	<input type="checkbox"/> Map(s) and supporting documents
	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal description	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessor parcel number(s) of affected territory
	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution of conducting authority	<input type="checkbox"/> County auditor's letter of TRA assignment (consolidated counties only)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Completion (LAFCO only)	

7. City boundary changes only:	<input type="checkbox"/> Map of limiting addresses (2 copies)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vicinity maps (2 copies)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Alphabetical list of all streets within the affected area to include beginning and ending street numbers	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Estimated population is: _____	

8. Required: According to section 54902 of the Government Code, copies of these documents must be filed with the county auditor and county assessor.

Board of Equalization will acknowledge receipt of filing to:

NAME Daniel G. Villanueva	BOE USE ONLY chk #: amt: ltr #: DATE 8/6/03
TITLE Assistant Director, Regionalized Business Services	
AGENCY Los Angeles County Office of Education	
STREET 9300 Imperial Highway	
CITY Downey ZIP CODE 90242	
TELEPHONE NO. (562) 922-6144 FAX NO. (562) 803-4787	
E-MAIL ADDRESS Villanueva Danny@lacoe.edu	
SIGNATURE OF AGENCY OFFICER <i>[Signature]</i>	

Check Date: 08/19/03

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Voucher ID	Gross Amount	Discount Available	Paid Amount
Territory Transfer City Ranch	08/06/03	E130104A	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00

Vendor Number	Name			Total Discounts	TIN
0000000762	STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION			\$0.00	
Check Number	Date	Total Amount	Late Interest	Discount Taken	Total Paid Amount
11003640	08/19/03	\$2,500.00	0.00		\$2,500.00



Los Angeles County

WESTSIDE UNION SD
 46809 NORTH 70TH STREET WEST
 LANCASTER, CA 93536
 661 948-2669

PAYABLE AT:
 ONE PENN'S WAY
 NEW CASTLE, DE 19720
 62-20/311

11003640

Date Issued: 08/19/03

Amount
 \$2,500.00***

THE TREASURER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY will pay exactly:

****TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 US DOLLARS****

WARRANT CLEARANCE FUND
 FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR
 THIS WARRANT IS VOID AFTER
 SIX MONTHS FROM DATE ISSUED

WE CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A LEGAL ORDER LAWFULLY
 DRAWN AGAINST THE FUNDS OF THE DISTRICT/AGENCY.

Will pay to:

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
 P.O. BOX 942879
 SACRAMENTO, CA 94279-8002

FOR GOVERNING BOARD OF DISTRICT/AGENCY
 EXAMINED, APPROVED AND ALLOWED
 DR. DARLINE P. BOLES, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

BY Betty Lee DEPUTY

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